GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Seed Distribution and Certification
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the seed distribution carried out during the last two years through National Seeds Corporation Limited (NSCL);

(b) the details of the certified seeds that NSCL is producing and the details of the mechanism the Government is following to produce certified seeds;

(c) whether the Government has found that piracy of seeds is taking place;

(d) if so, whether the Government has taken action to prevent such malpractices; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): National Seeds Corporation Limited (NSCL) has distributed 16.71 lakh quintals and 13.98 lakh quintals of seeds during 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively.

(b): Details of certified seeds produced by NSCL during Kharif, 2016 and Rabi, 2016-17 are enclosed as Annexure -I & II, respectively.

Section 8 of the Seeds Act, 1966 provides for the establishment of the Certification Agency by State Governments to maintain and make available certified seeds to the farmers of varieties notified under Section 5 of the Seeds Act to ensure genetic identity and genetic purity. 25 Seed Certification Agencies established by various State Governments certify seeds as per Indian Minimum Seed Certification Standard (IMSCS) approved by the Central Seed Certification Board (CSCB).

(c) to (e): Seed law enforcement is vested with the State Government within its jurisdiction as per Seeds Act, 1966. Any contravention of the provisions of the Seeds Act attracts penal provisions. No report relating to piracy of seed has been received from any State/UT.